

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 10-42 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1, 7, 8 and 10 are being amended. Claim 9 is being canceled. Claims 17-42 are new. No new matter is presented.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing claims 14-16. Applicant further thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 and 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of their base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to correct minor errors and to recite all of the limitations of claim 9, which is now canceled and which previously depended directly from claim 1. Consequently, for at least the reason that claim 9 included subject matter that Examiner indicated as being allowable, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 is now in condition for allowance.

New independent claim 17 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 2, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 17 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 18 and 19, which depend from claim 17, correspond to claims 3 and 10, respectively.

New independent claim 20 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 3, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 21 and 22, which depend from claim 20, correspond to claims 4 and 10, respectively.

New independent claim 23 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 4, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 23 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 24-27, which depend from claim 23, correspond to claims 7 and 11-13, respectively.

New independent claim 28 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 6, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 28 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 29 and 30, which depend from claim 28, correspond to claims 7 and 8, respectively.

New independent claim 31 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 7, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 31 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 32 and 33, which depend from claim 31, correspond to claims 5 and 10, respectively.

New independent claim 34 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 8, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 34 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 35 and 36, which depend from claim 34, correspond to claims 5 and 2, respectively.

New independent claim 37 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 10, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 37 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 38 and 39, which depend from claim 37, correspond to claims 11 and 6, respectively.

New independent claim 40 corresponds to the limitations of claim 1, as previously presented, and claim 11, which recited subject matter that the Examiner indicated as being allowable. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 40 is in condition for allowance.

Claims 41 and 42, which depend from claim 40, correspond to claims 5 and 7, respectively.

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees due by way of this Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-1090.

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All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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